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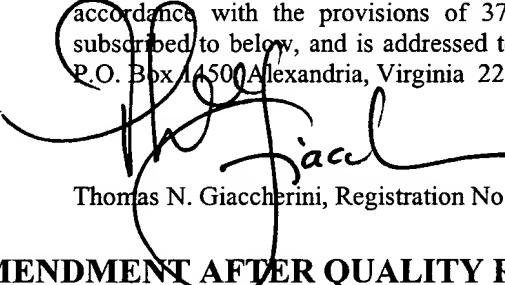
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**FIRST AMENDMENT AFTER QUALITY REVIEW**

The Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Applicants submit this First Amendment in response to the First Office Action issued after a Quality Review dated 26 September 2005. The First Office Action provided a shortened statutory period for response which expired on 26 December 2005. This First Amendment After Quality Review is accompanied by a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, which will extend the period for response until today, 27 February 2006, since 26 February falls on a Sunday.

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### **APPLICATION HISTORY**

In the First Office Action After Quality Review mailed on 26 September 2005, the Patent Office issued a non-final rejection of Pending Claims 1-11 and 14-26 under 35 USC Sections 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5 657 072 issued to Aristides et al. Claims 12 and 13 were also rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aristides in view of U.S. Patent No. 6 029 045– Picco et al.

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